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Interesting piece in @Quillette about the New Right, very much worth reading. Not an accident that @PatrickDeneen and others look to Hungary for forward-thinking policy that seeks to maintain and strengthen the family. quillette.com/2021/01/03/ret...

In November 2019, Deneen traveled to Budapest to visit Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who admires Deneen's work and has met with other like-minded conservatives in the past, including Rod Dreher and Yoram Hazony. Deneen sees Orbán's approach as an example of "how a non-globalist, national-conservative direction could be developed" in America. Deneen told me:

The next working-class conservative administration should take a look at some things being done in nations such as Hungary—which I know is the *bête noire* of liberals—but their policy is showing signs of supporting family formation and reversing declining birth rates. They've been very aggressive and creative... One policy provides significant funds toward the purchase of a home, depending on the number of children that are born into a family. Families with three or more children are relieved of almost all income taxes. Their government provides generous child support and maternal leave benefits. These are really extraordinary kinds of policies, but I think unless there is a similar commitment by our citizenry, through the auspices of our government, we are likely to see the continued decline of birth-rates in our nation and the concomitant generational selfishness that you get when people no longer feel a... connection to the future.

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Nobody gives a fuck.

But what about the underlying concerns that led to Trump's election? I asked. Aren't folks like Deneen at least trying to address real problems that ordinary Americans face? Goldberg, who said that he likes and respects Deneen, went on: "I have very few problems with the symptoms. When he says loneliness is a problem, I agree. When he says alienation is a problem, I agree... I think all of these guys have got to do an enormous amount of work in persuading me that they have solutions that will actually fix the problems that they're talking about rather than just replace the current class of policymakers with a new crop of policymakers who will reward their constituents the way they want to be rewarded. When Hayek said in the *Road to Serfdom* that it was dedicated to socialists in all parties, this is part of what he was getting at."

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It's petty of me, but I also found it interesting that Jonah Goldberg doesn't know what kayfabe is.

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I missed that the first time. Shit, even I know that.

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As a naturalized American citizen, I find this debate deeply frustrating. There is a strong libertarian streak in American traditionalism that can be traced back to Germanic tribes on the Roman border. I came here to assimilate in this culture.

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